

Joan Butts is an Australian bridge player and teacher, now living in Sydney. She has represented her country and has taught thousands of people to play the game over thirty years. Joan has a Bachelor of Arts Degree, and Diplomas of Education and Educational Psychology from the University of Queensland.

In August 2017, after owning and running a bridge club for 25 years, Joan launched her Online School of Bridge, which offers a library of lessons based on a recommended curriculum, with videos, notes, quizzes and hand reviews. Members are able to play hands with robots and check hints about bidding, play and defence.

In 2023, the Online School of Bridge has been extensively upgraded to a new, highly intuitive online platform making learning and playing bridge easier than ever before.

Joan has members all around the world who log on to joanbuttsbridge.com to play interactive hands. She has also written four workbooks, each containing five lessons: Strong Hands, Declarer Play, Defence and Competitive Bidding.

For twelve years until December 2022, Joan was the ABF National Teaching Coordinator, and in this capacity created an Accreditation programme for introducing teachers to the latest methods in bridge education, and to ensure professional standards in bridge teaching.

Joan concluded her appointment with the ABF to focus on the launch of her new state-of-the-art online school as well as continue her dedication to training bridge teachers in this modern capacity.